

REMARKS

Applicant believes that the claim changes have dealt with the issues raised in paragraphs 6-12 of the action. Please note that the antecedent for "the retracted position" in claim one is found in lines 13-14, i.e., "a retracted position".

Claim 1 defines "displacement means ... for raising said blow head arm, at a predetermined time after the blow head engages the top surface of the blow mold a selected vertical distance above the top surface of the blow mold from said "on" position to an exhaust position to allow air to escape from the blow mold...."

Claim 1 also requires that "said selected vertical distance being selected so that at least a minimum pressure will continue within the formed bottle...."

Claim 1 also defines "displacement means for maintaining said blow head at said exhaust position for a selected time and then raising said blow head arm to the retracted position."

These are structural limitations that are not disclosed or suggested in the cited reference. These are not method limitations - they are structure.

Claim 7 has been added to provide proper basis for claim 4.

The claims patentably define over the cited reference and should be presently allowed.

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